

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, South Dakota was founded with hard work, perseverance, dedication to duty, and concern for others, and each of these attributes can be ascribed to Dr. Dona Kennealley. She has dedicated the past 35 years to serving the needs of The University of South Dakota (USD) and South Dakotans; and,

Whereas, With a Bachelor of Science degree from Northern State University, a Master of Arts degree in Counseling Psychology, and Doctor of Education degree from USD, Dr. Dona Kennealley has admirably served higher education in the Department of Addiction Studies and the School of Health Sciences at USD for 35 years; and,

Whereas, Dr. Kennealley has been chair of Addiction Studies since 2001 and has taught more than a generation of students within Addiction Studies, mentoring, and educating them as they transitioned from student to professional; and,

Whereas, Dr. Kennealley initiated and developed educational programs, integrated her teachings, and contributed to excellent cultural immersion experiences for a number of South Dakota Native American communities, colleagues, and elders; and,

Whereas, Dr. Kennealley has made excellent research and scholarly contributions to her field through articles, book reviews, professional consultation, public reports, program and research grants, association leadership, and many presentations. She has been a leader in distance education, creating graduate-level Addictions Studies programs that have national audiences and stellar reputations, drawing participation from around the globe, including United States soldiers stationed internationally; and,

Whereas, Dr. Kennealley is an outstanding citizen who has supported many community and professional activities, serving the public higher education and health and human services institutions in South Dakota. She has been a leader, teacher, scholar, advocate, practitioner, and has benefitted students, colleagues, administrators, the Vermillion community, and the people of South Dakota. Dr. Kennealley will retire after 35 years of service to USD on June 21, 2013; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper to honor this outstanding South Dakotan on the occasion of her retirement:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 21, 2013, as

DR. DONA KENNEALLEY DAY

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Third Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Thirteen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Patricia K. Miller

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State